

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Public Meeting Summary
Monday, August 8, 2016
Coral Gables Branch Library

MEMBERS	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	APPOINTED BY
Jane Maranos	P		P		P		P		A		P		Mayor Cason
Lisa Bennett	P		P		P		P		P		P		Vice-Mayor Quesada
Charlotte Smiley	-		-		-		-		P		-		Comm. P. Keon
Blanca Mesa	-		-		-		P		P		-		Comm. V. Lago
Donna Heisenbottle	P		P		P		P		P		P		Comm. J. Slesnick
Myra Silverstein	P		P		P		P		P		P		City Manager, C. Swanson-Rivenbark
Sherry Zhang	P		P		P		P		A		-		Board As a Whole

STAFF:

Ayliin Hernandez, Clerical Assistant, Recording Secretary

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused

GUESTS:

Dona Spain, Coral Gables Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director
Elizabeth Guin, Coral Gables Historic Preservationist
Kara Kautz, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer
Will Runyan, Miami-Dade Public Library System Branch Manager

SUMMARY:

ASSESSMENT OF THE CORAL GABLES LIBRARY HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS:

The Historic Resources and Cultural Arts Director, Dona Spain, opened an informal visit at 2:00 p.m. Discussion focused on the items belonging to the City of Coral Gables located in the Miami-Dade County Library, Coral Gables Branch. The Pancoast Mural was identified as a historically designated item that should be preserved.

Other items such as furniture, artwork, a book collection and other antique collectibles were assessed. Reference was made to the *Library Interlocal Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and Miami-Dade County* (2008). In the agreement these items were listed in Exhibit "A" and identified as items belonging to the City of Coral Gables. These items are also identified in greater detail in the *Coral Gables Inventory List* (2015) prepared by Jane Maranos. In the interest of conserving these significant artifacts, a recommendation was made to have the Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Department store them until the Library renovations have been completed.

The flooring and lighting fixtures were assessed. Reference was made to the *Interlocal Agreement Section 3.B.2. Interior Maintenance and Repair*: "All major repairs shall be performed by the County after consultation with and consent from the City, with a point of contact designated by the City, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld." Ms. Spain recommended that the original lobby tile and light fixtures be kept, but the final decision will be made by the County.

The cleaning of the coral rock building exterior and the repairs of the fountains were discussed. Reference was made to *Interlocal Agreement Section 3.B.1. Exterior Maintenance and Repair*: “The County shall be responsible for maintaining and repairing the Library’s exterior, including all exterior electricity and lighting fixtures, any structural maintenance including the roof of the Library, any plumbing and irrigation facilities; hurricane preparedness equipment and facilities using the materials in storage at the Library and other supplemental materials required to protect window and doors against hurricane force winds; operational outdoor fountains; patio surfaces and walkways.” Ms. Spain will recommend an expert in conservation of art and architecture, but the final decision will be made by the County.

Discussion continued on the County’s available resources in the 2015-16 Budget and the importance of coordinating the improvements before September 30, 2016, the fiscal year end. Ms. Spain will submit her recommendations right away. She advised that all the permits for work done on the Library will be reviewed by her office. She will also request to meet with the design firm prior to any decisions.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the visit was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.